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Office Action Summary

Application No.

10/791,206

Applicant(s)

DEMERATH ET AL.

Examiner

Harold Joyce

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 09 May 2005.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-16 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 5 and 7-16 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1, 2, 4 and 6 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 3 and 16 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 5102004.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____.
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

1. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

2. Claims 1, 2, 4/1 and 4/2 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Crockett in view of Schmidt et al. Crockett discloses the claimed invention except for the bulged shape. Schmidt et al. teaches that it is known to provide a ventilating arrangement with a spherical housing as set forth at column 6, lines 11-13. It would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made for the outlet bell to be spherical in shape, as taught by Schmidt et al. in order to change the direction of the outlet opening.
3. Claims 6/4/1 and 6/4/2 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Crockett in view of Schmidt et al. as applied to claim 4 above, and further in view of Official Notice. Further, Crockett discloses the claimed invention except for the set of curved baffle members. Official Notice is taken that a set of curved baffle members are well known in the ventilation art. It would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to substitute a set of curved baffle members for the air directionality controller of Schmidt et al. in order to changed the air flow pattern.

Allowable Subject Matter

4. Claims 3, 4/3 and 6/4/3 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Claim Objections

5. Claim 16 is objected to under 37 CFR 1.75(c) as being in improper form because a multiple dependent claim cannot depend upon any other multiple dependent claim. See MPEP § 608.01(n). Accordingly, the claim 16 has not been further treated on the merits. However, even if claim 16 was in proper form, it would have been rejected as follows:

Crockett discloses an outlet perforated "outlet grille, 15, preferably of the type disclosed in the above referenced Stouffer et al. patents. However, other types of grilles can be used." (column 2, lines 9-14). Fine-meshed grids are well known for ventilating grilles. Thus, in view of the above, it would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made for the grille of Crockett to be fine-mesh.

Election/Restrictions

6. Claims 5 and 7-15 are withdrawn from further consideration pursuant to 37 CFR 1.142(b) as being drawn to a nonelected species, there being no allowable generic or linking claim. Election was made **without** traverse in the reply filed on May 9, 2005.

Conclusion

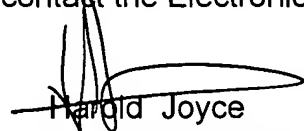
7. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Harold Joyce whose telephone number is (571) 272-4876. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Ira Lazarus can be reached on (571) 272-4877. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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